

Species Election and Interview Report

Assignee elects the species of claims 87-90 with traverse.

In the interview, Examiner Poinvil explained that the indication in the Office Action, "Currently, 62 is generic," was intended to mean that the claims of the first "group," namely claims 62-79, were all generic. Consequently, the Examiner told the undersigned, the Office would examine Claims 62-79 in any case but wanted assignee to elect one species, as between the other two groups.

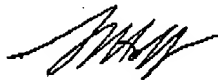
Having elected the species of claims 87-90, assignee expects that, in accordance with the discussion in the interview, the Office will examine claims 62-79 and 87-90. Assignee understands that examination of claims 80-86 will be deferred but that those claims will be allowed if a generic claim is allowed; accordingly, they are not canceled here.

Assignee traverses the species election requirement as a precaution, in case there has been a misunderstanding and the Office does not examine all of the claims specified in the previous paragraph. The ground of the conditional traversal is that, as written, the species election requirement does not clearly explain how the three groups qualify as species of a common genus. Assuming that the Office will examine claims 62-79 and 87-90, the Office may disregard this traversal.

If the Examiner has any questions, please feel free to contact assignee's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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